

Officers 2011-2012

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Board 2011-2012

Terry Hetzel (1)
Scott Spencer(2)
Carol Brand (2)
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Gail Hefley (3)

WELCOME

New Members:
none this month

Newsletter

Terry Hetzel

Email brags, club news, articles, etc **by the 28th** to be in the next newsletter to:

terry8410@suddenlink.net

please note in the subject line: For Newsletter or Brags

Sunday agility practice at the agility field is at 3:00 pm

MEMBERS only

SIT, STAY - VOLUNTEER!

The next scheduled event for AOTC is our annual obedience trial. The dates of the 3-day trial are April 20-22 (premium available online Feb 1st) with 2 Rally shows on Friday, April 20, and back to back obedience shows on Saturday and Sunday (April 21-22). This year's format will be totally different from years before – it will be the first time we've ever held a trial in our own club building! We hope to present a welcoming, intimate atmosphere to work and show our dogs, without the weight of the costs of the civic center and moving all the equipment back and forth. We've got the facility; but to make it a success, we need as many of our club members as possible to pitch in. There are several ways to become a part of this ground-breaking endeavor – your time (stewarding, building clean up, trial set up), your talents (cooking munchies for hospitality, promoting the event), and/or your donations (items for raffle, cash donations for group awards and/or special designation prizes). For \$15 you can sponsor a group award. The groups are: working, sporting, non-sporting, hound, terrier, toy, miscellaneous. More information will follow at our next club meeting; but, if you have questions now, you can contact Elise at tlavin@amaonline.com. If she doesn't know the answer, she'll find someone who does.

Calendar of Events:

NEXT MEETING

Tues Feb 14 at 7 p.m.

AOTC Building

Mar 13 Club meeting
Apr 10 Club meeting
Apr 20-22 Obedience Trial
May 8 Club meeting

TRICKS Night is back.

The March club meeting will be the setting for Tricks Night. If you would like to participate with your dog performing a new trick, please contact Lisa Kelley prior to the March meeting at bloopagility@clearwire.net.



Emma Ray training down/stays with multiple distractions. Live dogs pictured from left to right - Moe, Tango, and Charger.

Unauthorized Use of Club Building

It has come to the attention of the Board the club building might have been used for unauthorized activities.

Any activity other than member training or obedience, rally, and agility classes must be presented to the Board for approval. The Board meets immediately after every club meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

It is the responsibility of each club member to adhere to accepted policies and practices of the club and to monitor and report any unauthorized use of the club building and agility field to Board members or club Officers.

The use of club facilities and resources is reserved for club members only with appropriate approval. Members may not invite non-members to train at club facilities. Further, it is not appropriate to use club facilities for private gain. A release is necessary for all individuals – member or non-member – before training on club premises. Inappropriate and unauthorized use of club resources could be grounds for suspension of membership or expulsion from the club.

If you have any questions regarding appropriate use of club facilities, please address your concerns at the next Club or Board meeting.

2011 Awards Banquet

Our annual awards banquet was held Saturday, Feb. 4 at

Saltgrass Steakhouse. A huge THANKS to Gail Hanson-Hefley for coordinating the event and creating such a fun slide show. A YUMMO thanks to Jeri Berryman for creating yet another wonderful, edible masterpiece. We couldn't have the awards without Janet Nelson ordering and putting together all the award plaques and title bars—Thank you Janet. And great job to our VP Carolyn Johnson for MCing and handing out the treasures.

We celebrated many achievements for 2011 including 108 new titles:

AGILITY 77 new titles

NA	3	NAP	3
NAJ	2	NJP	5
OA	5	OAP	4
OAJ	5	OJP	2
AX	2	AXP	3
AXJ	3	AJP	2
MX	4	MXP2	2
MXJ	4	MXP3	1
NF	4	MJP	2
OF	5	MJP2	1
XF	2	MJP3	1
MXF	3	NFP	2
TQX	1	OFF	2
MACH	1	XFP	1
MACH4	1	PAX	1

OBEDIENCE 12 new titles

BN	2
CD	6
CDX	2
UD	2

RALLY 19 new titles

RN	6
RA	7
RE	6



Jeri and her creation





2011 Awards Banquet



Special recognition went to the following members:



The Nelson Agility Performance Award for Outstanding Achievement in Agility Competition went to Lynne Tellman and Aimee.



The Sharon Cutrell Award for Outstanding Achievement in Obedience Competition went to Elise Lavin and Tango.



Outstanding Club member for 2011 was presented to Terry Hetzel.

Minutes from Club Meeting of Jan. 10 , 2011

Called to order at 7:05.

December minutes approved.

Treasurer's report approved.

Guest speaker Carol Hillhouse, DVM was the club's guest speaker and her topic was canine nutrition.

Committee Reports

Education: N/A

Obedience: sign up for next session of classes on 1/11 from 6PM to 7PM. Classes will start 1/16.

Agility: Foundation class registration at building on 1/26. There are two teachers lined up and classes will be Thursday nights, Basics at 6:30 and handling at 7:30.

Therapy: N/A

1st Readings: Kim McCafferty, Lauren Simpson, Shay Wheeler, Janice Wolf, Kathy R. Martin, Janice and Brad Billingsley, Cheri Bannister.

2nd Readings: N/A.

Unfinished Business: contact Carol Brand for t-shirt orders.

Awards banquet will be on February 4 at Saltgrass.

The lights at the agility field are burnt out.

New Business: Trick night will be at the March club meeting.

Adjourned at 8:40.

Board Meeting Minutes of Jan. 10, 2011

Members present: Scott Spencer, Gail Hanson-Hefley, Carol Brand, Carol Bishop, Carolyn Archer, Jeri Berryman, Terry Hetzel, Melody Boren

Called to order at 9:02PM.

December minutes approved.

Unfinished Business:

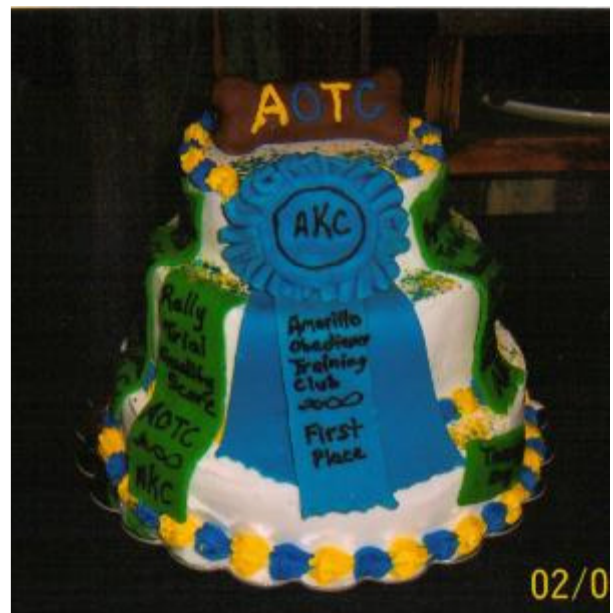
Strategic Planning: get a clear idea of membership levels; look at updating Yahoo group; Carol Brand is working on a survey.

New Business:

Building will be used for therapy dog testing.

Board will be looking at Budget 1/28.

Adjourned at 9:40PM.



REMINDER: MAILED correspondence must be sent to the club's PO box. Mailing address is: AOTC

ATTN: (whoever) i.e. Jeri Berryman, Treasurer

PO BOX 32272

Amarillo, TX 79120

Check out AOTC on FACEBOOK (at Search just type in Amarillo Obedience Training Club and click LIKE) see more behind the scenes photos and news about the club Thanks Gail for the great job in updating/maintaining the club's face.

**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS
using the club building**

PLEASE do not adjust the air conditioning. It is programmed to automatically come on and go off for class times. If you have special times you need to use the club building and need the air conditioning, please contact Judy DeShong.

PLEASE check BOTH doors at the club building before you leave the training building. If you go out the second door by Judy's ring, you have to slam it shut to get it to lock. If you don't, the wind will catch it and blow it wide open. Please secure the building when leaving. THANK YOU.

Last one to leave the AOTC building, please check the following:

HEATER must be MANUALLY turned on and off. Please turn heater down to 40 when leaving the building.

A/C is set to automatically come on and go off for class times.

Lights are off. All doors are locked

Gate is locked (DOUBLE CHECK, please spin the tumbler to ensure lock engages)

As a reminder, We no longer have a janitor. PLEASE clean up after yourself and others! Please empty the trash when full.

Want More Info...

Gail Hanson-Hefley will be coordinating special request topics at the monthly club meetings. Email Gail at jandg3216@gmail.com with your requests for demos, mini-training, seminars, info sharing, want to know, etc.

AOTC training facility : 9785 Amarillo Blvd., West, Amarillo, TX

AOTC agility training facility: 8009 E Farmers Ave , Amarillo, TX

AOTC website: www.aotcdogs.com

AOTC Yahoo group: <http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/aotcdogs>

AKC website: www.akc.org

AOTC Agility : direct questions to Carolyn Brand at labradored@cablone.net

AOTC Obedience : direct questions to Teresa Tucker at tatucker5004@yahoo.com

AOTC Member Directory updates: Jeri Berryman at aggiefan316@hotmail.com

AOTC Education Coordinator: Scott Spencer at scottproperty@sbcglobal.net